

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 699 – HB 761

May 7, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007933): Expands the tuition exemption to every dependent child whose parent served in the armed forces and received the Purple Heart decoration and received a discharge other than a dishonorable discharge, or the spouse of such veteran, to allow admittance to any public institution of higher education without cost.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$8,503,600 FY07-08
\$8,844,100 FY08-09

Other Fiscal Impact – The number of dependent children whose parents served before July 1, 1999, and received a service connected disability cannot be determined. The extent of such disability also cannot be determined. However, it is estimated that to expand the tuition waiver to this class of individuals would result in a significant increase in state expenditures.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$8,503,600 FY07-08
\$8,844,100 FY08-09

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Any changes made by this amendment would not significantly impact the fiscal note of the original bill. The number of estimated recipients remains the same.
- Removing dependents of veterans who received a service connected disability from eligibility would not change the fiscal impact of the original bill since the number of dependents in this class could not be determined and were not specifically included in the original increase in state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." as a middle initial.

James W. White, Executive Director